

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Applicants : Yukari Hirata et al. .
Serial No. : 10/590,586 Case: BY0040P . Art Unit:
Filed : August 24, 2006 . 1625
For : Diaryl-Substituted Five-Membered Heterocycle Derivative . Examiner:
Nizal S.
Chandrakumar
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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In response to the Official action of November 23, 2009 for which a reply is due by December 23, 2009, or the next business day thereafter, the Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the application in view of the following amendments and remarks. Any additional fees associated with this Response may be charged to Merck Deposit Account No. 13-2755.

Remarks begin on page 2 of this response.